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TO APPROPRIATE TCOS. CITE OPCEN 8626. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER:

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NPIC BELIEVES THAT TYURA TAM LAUNCH SITE F IS A HARDENED SITE BUT THE FUNCTION OF THE THIRD HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THIS CONCEPT IS BASED PARTIALLY ON OUR ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON TO SITES D-1 AND D-2 AND DUE TO THE LACK OF GOOD COVERAGE OF F DURING THE EARLY AND MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

A DIFFERENT CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN UTILIZED AT F IN COMPARISON TO D-1 AND D-2 AND OTHER HARDENED SITES. NO LARGE DEEP EXCAVATION HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT F. THE SILOS APPARENTLY ARE SUNK FROM AT OR NEAR GROUND LEVEL WITH POSSIBLY A SHALLOW TROUGH SCRAPPED OUT OR INITIAL LEVELING OF TERRAIN. BACKFILLING OF ANY MAJOR PROPORTIONS SUCH AS OCCURRED AT COMPLEX

TOP SECRET

D HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED BETWEEN JUNE 1962 AND APRIL 1963. THE CONTROL BUNKER WAS NOT CONSTRUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE SILOS IN THE SAME EXCAVATION AND THERE WAS NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR FOR THE CONTROL BUNKER PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1962, MISSION 9048.

CONSTRUCTION RAMPS SIMILAR TO THOSE AT VERKHNYAYA SALDA G HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED AT F AND MAY NOT HAVE BEEN UTILIZED AS VERKHNYAYA SALDA G IS UNLIKE F AND HAS THE LARGE EXCAVATION CYLINDERS OR CASINGS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AT F. THE DOME-LIKE OBJECTS OBSERVED HAVE A HIGH REFLECTIVITY AND APPEAR TO HAVE A TOP, SUGGESTING MORE OF A COVERED STRUCTURE RATHER THAN THE TOP OF A CASING. THE OBJECTS MAY BE ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL SHELTERS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THEY ARE REMOVED AS CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION.

NO COMMENTS REGARDING WHAT WEAPONS SYSTEM MIGHT BE UTILIZED AT LAUNCH SITE F.

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